



Draft IALA Basic Documents
General Regulations – Annex C

ANNEX C Terms of Reference – Legal Advisory Panel¹

1. Introduction

The aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation worldwide and other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment.²

At the 36th Session of the IALA Council (Strategy Group – June, 2005) the Council approved the establishment of a Legal Advisory Panel to advise IALA on legal issues in support of its aim.

2. Objectives

The role of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) is to provide legal support to IALA. Its scope shall include

- i) Providing a forum to discuss legal matters of common interest with regards to the provision of Aids to Navigation Services;³
- ii) Providing IALA with information on legal issues that result, or may result from, providing guidance to the membership on best practice in the provision of Aids to Navigation Services;
- iii) Responding to issues and concerns that may be raised through the IALA Secretariat with respect to the development and providing guidance on the provision of Aids to Navigation Services;
- iv) Preparing draft documentation / guidelines on items of common concern;
- v) Providing legal support to the Council as required;
- vi) Identifying where external legal advice may be needed and assisting with the preparation of requests/briefs for such advice, as appropriate;
- vii) Reviewing, advising and reporting to the Council on the IALA Risk Registers.

3. Deliverables

The LAP shall produce regular reports for the IALA Council, and draft IALA documentation / input to IMO, ITU or other international organizations as required, on legal issues relating to the provision of aids to navigation. These deliverables may include, but are not limited to:

1. IALA documents that respond to common concerns;
2. Input to Council on issues that may be raised through the IALA Secretariat;

4. Working Process

The LAP will normally meet biannually. Meetings may be held more frequently, if deemed necessary by the delegates and agreed by the Secretary General. Intersessional meetings may be arranged as agreed by the Secretary General.

¹ Approved by IALA Council session 38 – May 2006

² IALA Constitution, 2014

³ The provision of Aids to Navigation includes traditional AtoN, VTS, AIS, and other services classified as AtoN by IALA.



The LAP will also make use of electronic tools (e-mail, discussion forums, teleconference / computer conference) to augment such meetings, as required to progress its work.

Section 2.4 – Committee Officers, Section 2.5 – Committee meetings and Section 2.6 (Meeting documents) will apply, as appropriate.

5. Composition

The LAP will function under the IALA Council, under the direction of the Secretary General,.

Membership is open to all IALA National Members.

The Secretary General, IALA, may also invite representation at meetings from relevant International Organisations, experts and such other bodies which may assist the LAP in its work.

6. Review

These terms of reference shall be reviewed by the LAP at least every four years following the election of a new Council and any proposed changes submitted to the Council for approval.